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Chairman's Comments

by Neal Kennedy

As I see more about the new "driverless cars" we will be sharing the roads with in the future, I suppose it's going to be a good thing overall. And really, it's just another step in the evolution of that mode of transportation. But I still am sorry to see further elimination of the human element in driving. After all, that's one of the big things we enjoy about our cars. Driving them, not them driving us. It's already gone way beyond automatic transmissions shifting for us. Cruise control is now adjusting to slow down as you approach a car in the same highway lane. That stuff is on the streets today.

Parallel parking by computer. Who woulda thunk it! The benefits, like lower insurance costs and fewer fatalities on the road, are easy to conceptualize. I know we will all be a lot safer when we don't have to worry about the single biggest cause of traffic crashes. That is, people not watching where they are going. But I still plan on enjoying going through the gears using a clutch and feeling some feedback in the steering wheel. I'll probably be taking the big dirt nap by the time most cars travel down the turnpike with nobody driving. And as the currently available technology becomes more common on our roads, it might make climbing behind the wheel of the old '62 even more fun than ever.

In the meantime, we have lots of ways to enjoy our car hobby. Like a trip to Ed Brett's garage after the March breakfast meeting. Look for details elsewhere in this issue. We can caravan over after bacon and eggs, accompanied by parking instructions from Ed. He's been providing verbal updates about his latest project. Now we get a chance to see it! I'll let him give you the details.

But that's not the only March activity for the Oklahoma Chapter NCRS. March 16th, the third Saturday in the month, needs to be on your calendar. Plans are underway for a visit to Bruce Rick's fine '56 Ford and '62 Vette. Again, details elsewhere in the Sidepipe and at the meeting.

Longer range planning has the Ugly John's garage tour and breakfast boogie set for April 18th. Scott Pfuehler is putting that outing together. Several members have already seen the collection, and the reviews are great. Lawrence Bollenbach is in charge of good weather that day so we can all drive our Corvettes.

May offers a great opportunity for a cruise of the curves and canyons of southeastern Oklahoma and southwest Arkansas. The straight axle gang down in Texas is organizing this tour with an overnight stay. They've invited our club to join the fun. Verle Randolph says even crooked axle Corvettes are welcome. Come see how great it is to see a string of fine fiberglass winding through the hills. They might even have a few human beings behind the steering wheel shifting gears without a clutch...a weekend off for computer controls.

March Breakfast Meeting

Our monthly breakfast will take place on Saturday, March 2. The location is Ollie's Station Restaurant in the Redfork area of West Tulsa. The address is 4070 Southwest Blvd. The phone number is (918)446-0524, in case you need it.

You can choose the buffet or you can order from the menu. The time to be there is 8:30 a.m., but people always start arriving by 8:00 - 8:15 a.m.

Attitude Adjustment Night

The gathering place for our March Attitude Adjustment Night on Tuesday evening, March 19, will be The Rib Crib Restaurant, 8040 South Yale. We have the use of a meeting room for our group.

The time people start to arrive is 5:30 p.m. Most are there before 6:00 p.m. The food is quite good and Tuesday night is "Rib Night" - all the ribs and side orders that you can eat for \$10.99. There are specials on beer, too.

2013 Dues Notice

The New Year is here, and it is time to renew your membership in the Oklahoma NCRS. Annual dues of \$15 should be paid this month.

Bring your wallet or checkbook on Saturday, March 2, to renew your membership in the Oklahoma Chapter NCRS. Don Partridge will be glad to accept your money, or you can mail your 2013 dues payment to his address.

Don Partridge
18606 East 96th St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

A special note to any new member who may have joined since October, 2012. Your payment then will cover your 2013 dues also. If you have any questions, call Don Partridge at 918 / 455-6574(H).

Don't delay! Payment of dues is required to continue receiving chapter benefits.

Remember ---- You must be a National NCRS member in order to be an Oklahoma chapter member. Checks should be made payable to Oklahoma Chapter NCRS.

Garage Tours

by Jim Elder

After the March breakfast meeting, Ed and Patricia Bret have invited the group over for a garage tour. We will be able to see the progress on his latest project which is the installation of a LS1 engine in a Pontiac Solstice.

On Saturday, March 16, Bruce Ricks has invited the NCRS group to see his custom show cars. His 1956 Ford Convertible named "Suncammer," received the

2011 Ridler Award at the Detroit Autorama. He also has a 1962 Corvette named "Sixty-Two Twelve," and several other cars.

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Crystal City Shopping Center, just West of Ollie's Restaurant, site of the monthly breakfast meeting. It's a short drive to his facility.

The address is 6420 S Highway 97. (Highway 97 between Sapulpa and Sand Springs) It is next door (South) of Rut Pawn Shop.

For additional information on Bruce's cars, check out these websites:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hVEb5FEGdas>

<http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=bruce+ricks+sixty+two&qs=ds&form=QBIR#>

If you have any questions, contact Jim Elder at 918-748-8256

New Car Brochures

by Jerry Casteel

This is really cool. Find the brochure of your first car or the one you drove to high school or college; hopefully, your car brochure is available.

This has to be one of the neatest web sites whether you have gasoline in your veins or not.

This is a website featuring the original factory brochures for nearly every American car you might have ever owned.

Pick the manufacturer, the year and the model.
www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html

Museum Bound

by Scott Pfuehler

That's us, folks.

April 20, 2013, is the pretty for sure date that we are having a boy's morning out. Out means we are going to Ugly John's Muscle Car Museum.

This will include a catered breakfast on site. Cost will probably be \$20 a person. That gets you the aforementioned breakfast with a bunch of your Corvette

friends and admission in to see a collection of the cars we love to look at, stand around and grin, and say remember when.

The time is 9 a.m. Saturday, April 20. The facility is North of the Casino on 193rd E Ave about a mile. The official address is forthcoming.

This event is a prepay one so bring that \$20 to the next NCRS Breakfast meeting morning and get on the list of paid attendees that Scott Pfuehler is going to have. We need a minimum of 25 to 30 folks paid up to make this happen. John says his facility and caterer can handle over a hundred so invite your friends that like hot rods, 409's, muscle cars, Corvettes, engines on display and lots of memorabilia from the gas stations of our memories.

To get our minimum the NCRS and TVS are both being invited.

Scott 437-5292 daytime

How Many?

by Mike Martin

At a recent breakfast meeting the question was asked "How many Corvette's have you owned?". I figured it was time to help out our super editor, Mr. Bob Clark and attempt to tell my story; so here goes.

It all started when I was about 14 playing one on one basketball in a friend's driveway where I must have spent a million hours. We stopped long enough to notice a not-so-pretty brand new brown '74 Coupe pull out of the neighborhood and boil the tires on 129th West Avenue. Must have been a 454. At that point, I

know my Suzuki Trail 90 was not going to do, so I told my friend Ricky Paul, "I'm gonna have a 'Vette."

After many motorcycles, my first car was a '65 Plymouth Belvedere II with a 383. My mom often did power stall's for me and my buddies in it!



Still having to have a 'Vette, I traded in my second car which was a '67 RS/SS 350 Camero, red/black, white nose stripe.... Wish I had that car back on a red/red base motor '69 Coupe 4-speed, of course!



In 1978 I was 19 and my dad co-signed the note; I believe that the day we brought it home was the closest day my parents ever came to divorce. I remember dad's voice and his statement to my mom, "The boy WILL make the payments." \$137.52 a month..... WOW! I was in college and had saved my money and it was only three months 'till summer break.

It was easier for Mom to take when I left the 'Vette home for *her* to drive two miles a day to her gift shop while I took her '73 Plymouth Gold Duster back to school. I was NOT going to let the 'Vette sit outside! Just to show how things have changed, I had flairs



and a custom paint job put on my 'Vette. A buxom blonde that went by Sugarbrush did the work. That's all I have to say about THAT.



That is where the real Corvette hobby began. My first wife called it a "sickness." As the years passed the "sickness" grew; never having more than three at a time. When my sons were born one was a struggle, but it was the right medicine for my "sickness." I'm a bit older now, still have the "sickness" but not the wife.

Here's a breakdown of 'Vette's I've been lucky enough to have owned to date:

1965 - two	1967 - one	1968 - three
1969 - six	1970 - one	1971 - two
1972 - two	1973 - eight	1974 - one
1975 - three	1977 - one	1978 - three
1979 - three	1980 - one	1981 - one
1984 - two	1985 - one	1987 - one
1988 - one	1989 - two	1990 - two
1996 - two	2001 - one	2004 - two

I may have missed a couple, but this list spans 35 years.

People often ask "what's your favorite one?" Heck, I don't know. Let's go with:

- Most fun to drive: '65 Roadster 365 hp/4 speed/ 4.11 gears
- Sexiest: '69 Coupe black/gun metal, 427/390 side pipes
- Coolest: '71 Roadster LT-1
- Most Overlooked by 'Vette Guys: '96 C.E. Coupe LT-4 6 sp
- Overall Enjoyment: '04 6 sp Roadster

I became an NCRS member in 1987. I really enjoy the cars, but I think most of all I enjoy the friendships along the way, Bloomington, Carlisle and out of state trips to pick up a new toy.

In summary, I love the cars and cherish the friendships!

As life changes I think we all learn to roll with it and nowadays I'm not even considered "sick." My sweet significant other (who owned a '77 'Vette in her 20's) is treating me to a car show/auction for my birthday. Maybe we can add to the list! Life is good!



When Don Casteel of Pickerington, Ohio, was growing up, his dad purchased this model of car just before Don took his driver's test. "aced the parallel parking with that little car," says Don, "and I drove it to my high school prom with my future wife as my date."

Don once took Dad's car on a road trip with a friend, who was hesitant about traveling that far in



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We have reserved the Lakeview Lodge in Beavers Bend State Park, just North of Broken Bow in the Ouachita National Forest.

Here is a rough out agenda and times

Texas side staging, probably in Paris, will follow. Oklahoma staging will be set up by Verle Randolph.

Sat 5/18

Plan to arrive for check in by 2:30 at the Lodge.

3:00-6:00—Opening remarks by SACC Regional Rep Jack (Doc) Hollada.

Meeting and tech sessions .

Verle Randolph, of Owasso, has a 57 as seen on the front inside cover of the fall 2012 Sacc magazine, will talk on keeping the cockpit cooler in the summer, and electrical issues if time permits.

Bill Preston, of Lewisville, has a 57 coming up from a frame off, will have a demo on types and repair of fiberglass as well as prep and painting tips as well as FI if time permits.

7: 00—Dinner in Hochatown or Broken Bow, restaurant TBD.

Sun 5/19

7:00-8:00—Complementary continental breakfast in the Lodge.

9:00—Cruise to Mena Arkansas for lunch, restaurant TBD.

1:00—Cruise over the very scenic Talimena ridgetop hwy to Talihina and on to home from there.

20 rooms have been reserved for our group at \$85 until 4/18/13. See the flyer for registration information.

It is not necessary, of course, to drive your C1, even if you have to drive a crooked axle, just get yourself there. And, again, Let's invite as many C1's as we can. It's always amazing to see 15 or 20 solids in one place.

Thanks, and see you there.

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it. "Halfway there he changed his mind and was enjoying the smooth ride," recalls Don. The car got lots of attention along the way. "My friend said, 'It's strange-we stop for gas and people come up and start talking to the car!'"

When he saw the same model on an auction lot in 2006, Don had to have it. It ran, "but everything leaked, the result of sitting in a barn or garage for years." Don rebuilt the engine to accommodate today's gas, cleaned the interior and repainted the exterior. "It's a real head-turner wherever I go."

CLUES YOU CAN USE

[1] The manufacturer advertised the car as having a perfectly balanced 50-50 weight distribution with the engine in front and the transaxle in the rear. A conventional front transmission was adopted two years later. The original configuration did not reappear until 1997, in the Chevrolet Corvette.

[2] The previous year's model of this sporty car was named Motor Trend Car of the Year and helped boost the automaker into third place in U.S. sales.

[3] Don's car has the optional engine equipped with a four-barrel carburetor that generates 166 horsepower.

[4] The model name has a stormy connotation.

Answer on back page

(From the Motoring column of *Reminisce* Magazine and brought to our attention by Wilma Clark)

Corvette Classified

For Sale: 1996 Corvette convertible, LT4, 6-speed, White/Gray, loaded, 31,000 miles, NCRS Top Flight 2011 - \$16000 firm Call Joel Miller 918 - 294-1167

For Sale: 3 New in the box DeWitts Radiators part# 1139070M.#4139024M. #1139069A. 20% discount and no freight! Look up info at www.dewitts.com. Call Scott Pfuehler at 918-437-5292 for more details.

For Sale: A Go Fast Corvette with Air Conditioning. A very original 1972 LT-1 coupe is available to you. The long time Oklahoma owner has much of this Corvettes history in writing. Lots of paperwork, window sticker and stuff like that. Its green with a black interior, four speed of course, power steering and power brakes too. Priced at \$39,000. Sue Williams will provide you with all the details if you call her at 918-399-2485.

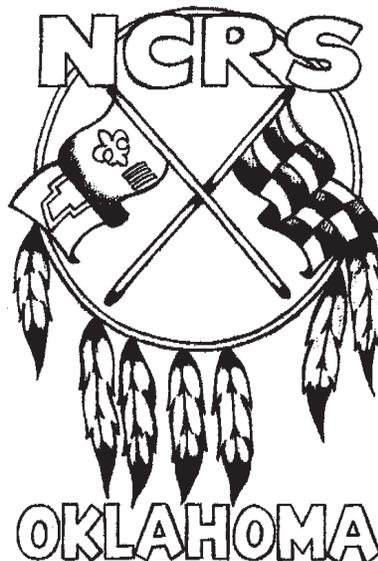
Some LT-1 information is in your NCRS 1970-72 Judging Guide and at this site.

http://www.vetteweb.com/features/vemp_0205_1972_chevy_corvette_specifications/viewall.html

For Sale:1965 Corvette Convertible, maroon paint w/ black vinyl interior, Original 365HP engine, Original KH knock off wheels, Body on restoration by Joe Provenzano, \$68,000.

Please call Scott 918-437-5292 for more details and for a visit to see this beautiful Corvette.

For Sale:1965 – 1969 NOS Grill Brackets, \$15.00 per bracket. I have more 1969 brackets than mid-year. Phone me with part number, year, and brief description. Call John Neas (w) 918-749-7741 (c) 918-231-4454



Upcoming Events

- Mar 2 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK
Mar 2 Garage Tour to Ed Brett's shop. (See article in this Sidepipe)
Mar 16 Garage Tour at Bruce Ricks (See article in this Sidepipe)
Mar 19 Attitude Adjustment Night - Rib Crib Restaurant - 8040 South Yale Ave. - Tulsa, OK
Apr 6 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK
Apr 11-14 NCRS Southeast Regional - Corvette Museum - Bowling, Kentucky - See *Driveline* for info
Apr 20 Breakfast and Museum Tour at Ugly Johns muscle Car Museum. (See article in this Sidepipe)
Apr 19-20 Tulsa Swap Meet - Creek County Fairgrounds - Sponsored by The Early Ford Club
May 16-19 NCRS New England Regional - Marlborough, Massachusetts - See *Driveline* for info

Name That Car Answer - 1962 Pontiac Tempest Custom with the LaMans Package

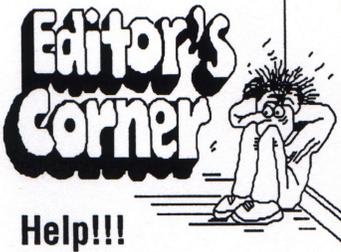


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